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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEAT DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

REF: FAO/DG LETTER TO SECSTATE NO. G/4/AGA DATED
FEBRUARY 18, 1974.

1. IN REF LETTER, FAO/DG TRANSMITS TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS
REVISED PROPOSAL FOR ORGANIZING AN INTERNATIONAL MEAT
DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AND INVITES MEMBERS TO INDICATE BY
MARCH 30 "WHETHER THEY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF THE SCHEME
IN PRINCIPLE AND WHETHER THEY PREPARED COOPERATE IN ITS
IMPLEMENTATION."

2. REQUEST FODAG ADVISE DG THAT US NOT PREPARED TO COMMIT
ITSELF "TO SUPPORT CONCEPT OF SCHEME ETC." AT THIS TIME.
US WILL DISCUSS PROPOSAL IN FORTHCOMING COAG APRIL 17-30
AND 49TH CCP IN OCTOBER.

3. US POSITION BASED ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

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(A) US POSITION AT THIRD IG ON MEAT JUNE 1973 (SEE ITEM

IV PP 13-14 US POSITION PAPER) STILL OPERATIVE. WHILE
FAO HAS PROVIDED REVISED DOCUMENT THIS SUBJECT AS RE-
QUESTED BY THIRD IG ON MEAT, US THINKS NEW DOCUMENT STILL
DOES NOT SUFFICIENTLY "IDENTIFY KEY PROBLEMS OR
DEFICIENCIES INHERENT IN EXISTING FAO PROGRAMS IN MEAT

DEVELOPMENT FIELD" AS REQUESTED BY US. THEREFORE, WE
STILL NOT CONVINCED OF NEED FOR MEAT SCHEME.

(B) THIRD IG ON MEAT RECOMMENDED THAT REVISED DOCU-
MENTATION ON PROPOSAL SHOULD BE PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT
FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CCP AND COAG. SINCE NEITHER THE
CCP NOR COAG HAS EXAMINED THE PROPOSAL, DG'S REQUEST TO
INDICATE SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF THE SCHEME IN
PRINCIPLE SEEMS PREMATURE. WHILE THIRD IG ON MEAT
SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED DG ALSO TO TRANSMIT PROPOSAL
DIRECTLY TO GOVERNMENTS FOR THIS PURPOSE, US DOES NOT
BELIEVE REALISTIC FOR GOVERNMENTS TO COMMIT THEMSELVES
TO SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE BEFORE REVIEW BY SUBSTANTIVE
COMMITTEES.

(C) WASHINGTON AGENCIES AGREE THAT COORDINATION AMONG
INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS CONCERNED WITH MEAT
DEVELOPMENT HIGHLY DESIRABLE. FAO MAY HAVE ROLE TO PLAY
IN THIS AREA BEYOND WHAT IT IS NOW DOING. FOR EXAMPLE,
IT MAY INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH BANKS, UNDP OR OTHER
AGENCIES FOR PURPOSE OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON BETTER
COORDINATION. BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS REQUIRES NEW
FAO MACHINERY.

4. IN REPLY TO DG PROPOSAL, FODAG MAY DRAW ON ABOVE
MATERIAL AS APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, SUGGEST THAT YOU BASE
US REPLY ON PROCEDURAL RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE POINTS
SO AS NOT TO APPEAR TO PREJUDGE CASE. KISSINGER

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